

# Rodgers Ranch Fencepost, May 2004

F.O.R.R. is co-sponsored by The Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District

**Ranch Update** 2004 is off to a good start... ..

On **January 24**, our General Meeting included a wonderful interpretation of Alice Tisdale Hobart by **Beverly Lauderdale**. Alice Hobart, a noted author, wrote two books while she and her husband Earle, lived at Rodgers Ranch from 1937-1942.

One of the books, "*The cup and the sword*", was made into a movie called "This earth is mine" starring several well known actors including Rock Hudson. Beverly, as Alice, told of her life in China and of the many obstacles she had to overcome. Alice had a fascinating life, all of which is revealed in her autobiography, "*Dusty's Child*". And Beverly did a wonderful job portraying Alice. ...

On **March 26**, we held our annual Fundraiser dinner. This year we paid tribute to disco at "that 70's show, Rodgers Ranch is Stay'n Alive!"

A wonderful time was had by all and we would like to thank our local businesses and community members who contributed to our auction. We were able to raise more than \$7,000 -all of which will go toward the restoration of the Rodgers Ranch property.

We would like to thank the **Pleasant Hill Rec and Park District** for the use of the community center, Barry and his crew at **Outback steakhouse** for the wonderful meal, and Donny Fitzsimmons of **Strawberry Fields** for our dancing music. Our "surprise" auctioneers for the evening were **Michael Harris, Chuck Escover, Tom McHale and David Durant**. We appreciate their bravery and their help. Of course, our biggest thank-you is to our wonderful guests who joined us and bid on items. With your support, our restoration project will become a reality!

## **May 3rd-9th is National Historic Preservation Week**

You can help preserve a part of California history for the youth of today and tomorrow. We have many committees that have openings. If you can help out, please contact the names below or email us at [Rodgersranch@yahoo.com](mailto:Rodgersranch@yahoo.com)

Your assistance is greatly appreciated and vital to our project

**Functions:** help with the planning and/or presentation of our fundraising functions. Aloma Levine (925) 825-0506

**Childrens programs:** help with the planning and/or presentation of summer Round Up program, school field trips or other Childrens programs Genene Welch (925) 228-2659

**Resource Development:** help in obtaining commercial donations and/or writing of grants Ellen Stevahn (925) 939-8436 or Denise (925) 387-0013

**Membership:** help with membership drive, membership packets and cards Jane Fuentes (925) 825 -2832

**Site Projects:** Painters, Gardners, handymen (or women) We could use your help Ernie Lanzarin (925) 370-8824

### **Boy Scouts help with Clean-up**

On February 14th, **Troop 282** spent a day at the ranch cleaning up excess wood, moving items from the barn to the storage container and cleaning up pathways. We appreciate all of their hard work and were so pleased with the results. Our thanks to everyone who participated that day and to P.H. Police officer, Tim Chon and Ernie Lanzarin who coordinated the work party.

### **Tapestry Throw**

F.O.R.R. is now selling the Pleasant Hill Tapestry Throw blankets. Woven in full color, they would make a lovely Mothers Day gift. Even though the pictures are of places in Pleasant Hill, these sites are well known throughout the community.

(see flyer or the events and fundraisers segment of the website for more information on ordering)  
If you have any questions please contact Jane Fuentes (925) 825-2832

### **Youth Recognition Night Honerees**

On April 1, 2004, Soroptimist International of Pleasant Hill presented their 34th Youth Recognition Night at the Pleasant Hill community center. Young men and women throughout the community were recognized for their many volunteer hours and efforts.

Friends of Rodgers Ranch was pleased to honor three of our Junior Docents who have helped with our summer Round Up program **Adriana Ahumada, Laura Chantri and Sara Nownes** were presented with Certificates of Merit for the exceptional work they have done at Round Up. We are very proud to have them on our docent team.

### **No more Port-A-Potties!!**

We are pleased to announce that we are in the final stage of installing a handicapped accessible toilet room in the house. Thanks to all of your generous donations we are looking at a functional toilet plus electricity and phone service by May.

This will be great for the summer Round Up program and will enable us to host more functions at the ranch.

### **Round Up**

This year our summer program will be presented in the following weeks:

June 21 - June 25

July 12 - July 16

August 9 - August 13

Each session will be Monday - Friday from 9am to 2pm and will have a different "theme" each day.

The cost for each one week session is \$100.

Activities will include grinding wheat, doing laundry with a washboard and wringe, old fashioned crafts and Native American day. See flyer for more information and the registration form. Space is limited to 20 children per session, so register early.

### **2004 F.O.R.R. Board members**

Denise N. Koroslev - President

Ellen Stevahn - Resource Development

Gene Wlech - Program Director

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Aloma Levine - Treasurer

Ted Winslow - Ass't Treasurer

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Thora Harshman - Corresponding Secretary

Barbara Conners - George Corrigan - Ernie

Lanzarin - David Roe - Sarah Young

Advisory: Karl Geier and Dennis Mesick